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EXHIBIT 1

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HB 223

February 14, 2013

Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Comments for the Montana Legislature on the Shooting Range Tax Exemption Act. NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Shooting range exemption -- beneficial use tax exemption -- costs and attorney fees.**

I am writing on behalf of the 2600 plus membership of the Western Montana Fish & Game Association which owns and operates the Deer Creek Shooting Center in Missoula. We are in support of House Bill Number 223, A Bill FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY A NONPROFIT SHOOTING RANGE IS EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXES."

House Bill Number 223 will preserve and protect a system of safe and suitable places for people to discharge firearms which serves the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Montana.

I strongly urge you to support HB223 which will help preserve Montana's Shooting Ranges with this property tax exemption. Please support the HB223 Shooting Range Property Tax exemption. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James M. McDonald
President